

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION TO EPA INVESTIGATORS

I, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) declare as follows:

My name is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) I am a resident of Waimea, County of Kauai, State of Hawaii.

My home, which I built, is located on Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP), Waimea, Kauai.

From my lanai, you can see the experimental laboratories of DuPont Pioneer, just on the other side of the Waimea River that is next to my house.

There are 4 chemical companies on our side of the island, including DuPont Pioneer, that are experimenting with different combinations of pesticides on their engineered crops.

What happens is the *drift* from the chemicals that are sprayed on their genetically engineered seed crops all blows over here, into my yard, my home, my bedroom, bathroom, everywhere inside and outside my house.

The chemical drift, mixed with dust, settles on my plants and lanai, my doors, windows, screens, furniture, electronics, countertops, dishes and cooking utensils, bedding, clothes and everything inside and outside my house.

The dust causes damage to our houses. It eats the paint off the roof and the sides of your house. It gets into the ground and food.

The worst effect of the chemical drift is that it settles on my skin and I breathe it into my lungs because there is no way I can stop breathing.

My neighbors and I have gotten sick from the chemical drift. We've had headaches, dizziness, difficulty breathing, respiratory illnesses, and some have had cancers and tumors and other diseases that we believe are caused by the chemical drift.

In 2008 I was working as a mortgage broker and had an office in the heart of Waimea Town. One day I felt really sick and I didn't know why I was sick. Then I found out what happened at Waimea Canyon Middle School that day. Syngenta was spraying its chemicals next to the classrooms and the children got sick. I had all the same symptoms as the children—headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting. I can't describe what that was like. I never experienced being poisoned before that day.

It was a life changing experience for me and after that I closed my office. That's what really woke me up to what was going on over there. Syngenta was spraying chemicals during the daytime when kids were at school. A lot of kids, I believe 75, got sick, and ambulances came and took them to the hospital.

These companies were running their trucks and spraying chemicals not only during the day but in the middle of the night. We wanted to know, what are they doing in the middle

of the night? There was a sweet smell in the air. We found out they use a bubble gum masking agent to cover up the smell of the chemicals. They were spraying chemicals at night.

When my neighbors and I tried to find out what chemicals were being sprayed, the companies refused to tell us. So we filed a lawsuit. There were 135 families that filed the lawsuit, most of whom are homeowners that are all being impacted by dust and whatever is in the dust. We don't really know exactly what is in the dust at any given time because the companies use different *combinations* of chemicals all the time.

We found out that some of these chemicals, like atrazine, are banned in other countries but not the U.S. And 20 of the chemicals are restricted use pesticides that can't be sprayed without a special permit.

The companies aren't experimenting with the chemical combinations in a *controlled laboratory*. They are experimenting in an *outdoor environment* that is right next to our schools, hospitals, homes and beaches.

When the tradewinds come, the wind carries these chemicals and dust for miles. After we filed the lawsuit we learned that there are 20 tons a year that are being sprayed on our little tiny island of 60,000 people. That's 40,000 pounds of chemicals a year. It's so hard to imagine.

We do know that they spray often. Only after we filed our lawsuit did they start sending us "activities schedules" about when they were spraying and grubbing the land. But the schedules didn't tell us anything other than they would be spraying 5 to 7 days a week, for example, depending on wind conditions. They didn't disclose what *combination* of chemicals they would be spraying or when. The schedule was simply a form that they sent every week. It was always the same form. The reality is that they sprayed 7 days a week, 8-10 hours a day.

This was their so called "Good Neighbor Program." After the lawsuit, they stopped sending us the activities schedules.

What the chemical companies are doing is not normal farming. They are just farming little test patches and the rest of the land is left bare. They constantly spray chemicals on the land. When they grub the land, it creates dust, and the dust blows into the town and into people's homes, and what's in that dust is our concern because it is laden with the chemicals they spray.

These companies are here in this State because there's free water, there's 4 times a year that you can turn a crop. You can't do that in too many places in the world. What that

does for their experiments is horrible because they can do so many experiments at one time.

The companies are never inspected. The mayor said we can't afford an inspector. Well, my question is, what are the permit fees for? You would think that our government would want to know how so many chemicals are being used, but nobody cares because the chemical companies are putting so much of their money into the elections.

What makes it really frustrating is that our County and State governments support this. So we feel that we are at a complete loss.

I am asked why I still live in Waimea if the chemicals are so bad. This is my home. I built this house with my own hands. It means a lot to me. It's worth the fight. Right now we're fighting, we're fighting for our lives, our property and for justice. We want these companies to stop what they are doing.

I, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) declare under penalty of law, that the foregoing facts are true to the best of my knowledge.

**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

DATED: Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii

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